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## CONVENTION DEBATES.

FROM THE RALEIGH REGISTER.

[CONCLUDED.]

Saturday, Nov. 15.—The Convention took up the report of the committee of the whole.

After reading the second section,

Mr. Brevard moved to strike out the word *that* at its commencement, as unnecessary and improper.

Mr. Yancey said, this word was found in the old Constitution, and was therefore retained, on the ground that he had before stated, that no alteration was recommended but such as the committee believed absolutely necessary. He hoped the word would be permitted to remain.

Mr. Brevard observed, that every step the Convention took, convinced him that they first ought to have gone into a committee of the whole, and fixed on certain principles of action, instead of referring as they had done, the subject to a committee of seven. We referred to that committee, said he, the discharge of a business undefined in its nature, instead of instructing them to report on particular subjects, the consequence has been an unsatisfactory report, which members had been restrained from amending out of respect for that committee: but as this is the last day of the session, he hoped that gentlemen would bring forward such amendments as appeared to them necessary.

The chairman of the committee is unwilling to admit any departure from the words of the old Constitution, except on principle. But as the word *that* is unnecessary, and is omitted in the 1st article, he hoped it would be dispensed with in the 2d and following sections.

Mr. Yancey regretted that he was again called upon to justify the report of the committee of which he had been a member. He knew not how satisfactory that report had been; but he knew that the gentlemen who composed it had paid great attention to the subject, and had executed the business committed to them to the best of their ability, though it had neither been a very pleasant, nor a very easy duty.

Gentlemen were certainly at liberty to propose whatever amendments to it they thought proper, but he hoped that all such as were proposed, would be of some importance, and not mere verbal criticisms.

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. Mangum again moved to substitute the word *members* for that of Representatives in the 2d line of the 3d section, which was agreed to.

The remaining amendments were concurred in without debate.

Mr. Cameron renewed his motion to give the towns of Newbern, Wilmington and Fayetteville representatives.

Mr. Fisher said he had somewhat changed his position on this subject. Several of the towns contained nearly a sufficient number of inhabitants to entitle them to a representative, and as their interests were somewhat distinct from the inhabitants of the country, he was willing to allow them a representative, deducting on that account a member from the county in which such town is situated.

Mr. Hearne observed, that leaving policy out of the question, he thought justice and equity required that these towns contain men of talents at least equal to any other in the State, and they ought to have their due weight in the Legislature.

He had lived both in town and country, and he knew there were prejudices existing between the inhabitants of town and country, which the measure proposed would have a tendency to remove.

Mr. Yancey thought, in the form the proposition was now made, it ought to pass. Newbern and Fayetteville, he believed, had now nearly 4000 inhabitants, which was the number required for a representative, and it was probable that

Wilmington might have that number before the next census was taken. On taking a representative from the counties of Craven, New Hanover and Cumberland, he hoped the motion would be agreed to.

Mr. Williamson said he came to this place determined to put down borough members; but when this proposition was first made, he thought it reasonable, and voted for it, and he hoped it would be agreed to.

Mr. Phifer expressed himself to the same effect.

The amendment for inserting the words "and towns," in the former part of the section was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron then moved to add, "and the towns of Wilmington, Newbern and Fayetteville, each one representative."

Mr. Fisher moved to add the city of Raleigh to the proposed amendment. Its population, he said, is nearly equal to the largest of the other towns, and it is, besides, the seat of government, and the darling of the State. It will not fail to send to the Legislature an enlightened member, who would not only do credit to the city, but to the State.

Mr. Yancey observed that he had just met with a census of the population of the different towns, by which he found that Raleigh had more inhabitants than Wilmington, and but little less than the other two towns. He had little doubt that Raleigh would have a sufficient number of inhabitants before the next census was taken to entitle her to a representative. He hoped, therefore, the motion of the gentleman from Rowan, to add Raleigh to the towns proposed by the gentleman from Cumberland, would be agreed to.

Mr. Sanders was in favor of both propositions. Raleigh was the seat of Government, here were all public buildings, and here all our public officers resided. A representative in the city would be considered in the light of a sentinel over these buildings, as well as every thing in which the government was interested, and would be able to give information to the Legislature in relation to these subjects.

Mr. Mangum said, that it was, perhaps, unnecessary to add to the remarks which had already been made on this subject. He knew that complaints had been made against borough representatives. The term applied to the British system of *rotten boroughs*, had been improperly applied to it. But whenever a town contains a sufficient number of inhabitants to entitle it to a representative, justice and good policy require that it should have one. Indeed there was a good force in the remark of the gentleman from Cumberland, that towns had distinct interests which ought to be represented. And he trusted, that hereafter, those jealousies which heretofore existed in this quarter towards gentlemen from the west, as being unfriendly to the city of Raleigh, would no longer exist, as he was confident there was no foundation for it.

Mr. Cameron accepted of the proposed amendment as part of his motion, which was carried nearly unanimously.

Mr. C. then introduced a new section (the 42d) regulating town elections, which was agreed to.

The next section providing for the election of Senators was agreed to, as already mentioned, after some rather irregular debate.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole being gone through,

Mr. Harrington renewed his motion to strike out the 26th and 27th sections, which have relation to Preachers of the Gospel and religious opinion. And lest he should be misunderstood when he made his former motion, he now disclaims all particular partiality for clergymen, and any hostility to religion generally, or any other particular sects of religion; but believing that these sections contain unnecessary restrictions, and militate against the principles of Civil and Religious Liberty, he had determined to make another attempt to expunge them from our Constitution. He was unwilling to consume unnecessarily the time of the Convention, but feeling more interest in this matter than on most others, he hoped he should be allowed an opportunity of recording his vote against these sections. He therefore moved that the question be taken by Yeas and Nays.

Mr. Yancey hoped that his friend from Anson would consider what he said on this subject, which no doubt would go to the public as an sufficient protest against retaining these sections.

Some other remarks were made, proposing that the gentleman might enter his protest on the journal.

Mr. Harrington said, he believed there were more gentlemen in the Convention who agreed with him in opinion on this subject than were willing to declare it publicly, he would not enforce his call, but withdrew it.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. T. G. Folk proposed to add a new section to the Constitution (the 49th and last) providing a way in which future amendments to the Constitution might be made. The proviso at the close of it was added by amendment.

Mr. Yancey hoped this amendment would be adopted. Some provision ought to be made for future amendments, which should not be made too easy, as it is not to be presumed that any future amendment would be desired, except it were manifestly necessary.

Mr. Mangum said, he was unfortunate in being under the necessity of offering in opinion with gentlemen. He was opposed to this amendment, and would give the reasons why he was so. He was opposed to it because he required two-thirds of each house of the General Assembly to pass a bill on this subject. Though he knew that a similar provision to this is to be found in the Constitution of the United States, and in several of the Constitutions of our sister States. But he took it to be a fundamental rule in Republican Governments that a majority ought to rule, and he did not think this Convention had a right to prescribe a rule that shall require two-thirds of the Legislature to pass a bill on any subject. A majority of the people have an inalienable right to revise and alter their Constitution whenever they please; and having this right, he should dislike to do anything which should seem to surrender or abridge that right.

Mr. Polk had no idea of attempting to deprive a majority of the people of their right to act in their sovereign capacity at any time, on this or any other subject. He wished only to provide a mode by which the Legislature might amend the Constitution in future, and to guard against untimely attempts to amend it;

but his health would not allow him to enter into an argument on the subject.

[Mr. Enger was opposed to the amendment. There is a distinction between a Constitution formed by the people, and altered and amended by the Legislature: I hope this house will always keep it in view, and that they will never forget it; when you leave it discretionary with the Legislature to alter and amend his Constitution, you break down the ~~one~~ barrier which separates the Constitution from the Legislature, and unbolt every door which leads to fraud and corruption. Can any man in this house prophetically say, that the Legislature will never become corrupted? If he can, you have nothing to fear. But, as long as vice shall cling to the human family, you have the strongest reason to guard against the rights of the people. Sir, I contend that this is a correct way to destroy the liberties of a free people. Are gentlemen willing to throw away the sovereignty of the people, into the hands of the Legislature? The other day we were called upon to give up an important check, and now we are called upon to throw away another. This amendment is in opposition to the sentiments entertained by Hamilton and Madison. Sir, the British government afford us an example on this subject: they had what is called their triennial Parliament; they declared that parliament was supreme and uncontrollable, and thereby altered some of the fundamental principles of government; they altered from a triennial to a septennial parliament, extending their term of service four years beyond what they were entitled to. Sir, if it be left discretionary with the Legislature to alter and amend this Constitution, the bands of this Constitution will be no more than flux before the fire, or chaff before the whirlwind!]

Mr. Yancey perfectly agreed with the gentleman from Orange, that a majority of the people have a right to alter the Constitution whenever they please; nor could he perceive that this amendment proposed a surrender of this right. It amply points out the mode in which the Legislature may bring about an amendment of the Constitution. What is the mode? It requires that a bill for the purpose specifying the alterations proposed, shall be read three times in each House on three several days, and be passed by two-thirds of each, and then published for three months. It is then to become the test at the next election, and if two-thirds of the next Legislature confirm what had been passed by the preceding Legislature, the proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution. This provision will render unnecessary future Conventions for the purpose of amending the Constitution, and thereby prevent excitements amongst the people. Indeed nothing would have induced him now, to have touched the Constitution in the only way in which it could be done, but the present great inequality in our representation.

The amendment was carried by a small majority.

On motion of Mr. Mangum, the proviso at the end of the section, was added.

The question on adopting the Constitution as amended, was put and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Sanders called up the report which he had made some days ago on the most advisable plan of submitting the Constitution to the people, which was read as follows, and amended:

\* The above remarks of Mr. Phifer, which we have put in brackets, were communicated to us, with a request to publish them in *lieu* of the few words attributed to that gentleman by the Raleigh Register.—Editor Carolinian.

The committee appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the most advisable plan of submitting the amendments proposed to be engrafted on the Constitution, to the people of the State,

**REPORT.** That they have attentively considered the subject referred to their consideration, in which they have discovered no plan for effecting the object of Convention that would be entirely free from difficulties. The Committee, however, have thought it best and as most likely to meet the public approbation, to submit the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution directly to the people, and to recommend the election of Delegates for its ratification and adoption. The people will thus be enabled to consider and pass upon its provisions; and from electing delegates in conformity with the Constitution as amended, they will discover its practicable operation so far as respects the most numerous branch of the Legislature. For this purpose they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it be recommended to the people of the several Counties in the State, at their next annual election to elect Delegates to meet in Convention in the City of Raleigh, on the second Monday of November next, for the purpose of ~~ratifying and adopting the~~ amending the Constitution as proposed to be made to the Constitution of the State.

2. Resolved, That the said Delegates when assembled in Convention, shall be limited to the amendments now proposed, but shall be authorized to adopt such further provisions as to them may seem necessary for carrying the said Constitution as amended into effect.

3. Resolved, That it be recommended to the several County Courts in the State to appoint fit and proper persons as Judges of election of Delegates, and that such persons as are qualified under the Constitution as proposed to be amended, to vote for the most numerous branch of the Legislature he qualified to vote for such Delegates, and that the election of Delegates be certified by the returning officer of the county.

4. Resolved, That each County in the State shall be entitled to elect the same number of Delegates to the Convention as they would be entitled to members in the House of Representatives under the proposed Constitution as amended.

5. Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to present the amendments proposed to the people, with the views and explanations which have induced this Convention to propose the same.

After reading the Report, Mr. Sanders observed, that it was expected that the committee who made this Report would also have prepared the proposed Address; but such had been the attention which it was necessary for them to pay to the business before the Convention, that it was not in their power to do it. He thought it best that a committee should be appointed for the purpose, who could prepare the address at their leisure.

Mr. Love from the committee appointed to provide a fund for defraining the expenses attending the Convention, made report, which was concurred with.

Mr. Braxton from the committee on Elections, reported that they had examined the several certificates handed to them, and although some of them were not altogether regular, they deemed them all sufficient.

The business of the Convention being finished, and the President having left the chair,

On motion of Mr. Yancey, it was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby presented to the Hon. MONTFORD STOKES, for the able and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair. The Convention then adjourned sine die.

### WONDERFUL DISPENSATION.

The Louisiana Advertiser of Nov. 22, says—"We have been informed through several sources, and have reason to rely, to a certain extent, upon the correctness of the information, that about the 21st of October, a sudden change of the weather was experienced at Tampico and the vicinity, the mercury of the thermometer falling 40 degrees in 8 hours—the consequence of which was, that three hundred persons died in one night in that city, and the adjacent country. One of our United States' vessels was in port at the time, and our informant adds that she lost at the same time 18 persons, including several officers."

Powder-mill blown up.—On the 26th of November, the Powder-mill in Lee, Massachusetts, belonging to Messrs. Lathrop & Co. was blown up and two of the workmen killed. The names of the deceased were Morey Brown and Walker Quigley.

*Bethel Patriot.*

### CONGRESS.

#### SENATE.

Dec. 15.—Mr. Parrott offered the following resolution, which was read, and laid over for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing an additional number of ships of war to be built and equipped for the service of the United States.

Dec. 17.—The following committee was appointed upon the several amendments proposed to the Constitution:

Messrs. Benton, Hayne, Holmes of Me. Dickerson and Kelly.

The following resolution, offered yesterday by Mr. Eaton, was also adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee inquire if any, and what amendments may be necessary to an act, entitled, "An act, relative to the Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of the vacancies in the offices of both President and Vice-President," passed the 1st of March, 1790.

Dec. 18.—The bill "appropriating a certain sum of money for the relief of Daniel D. Tompkins," was taken up in committee of the whole, and the bill was passed unanimously.

Mr. King of N. Y. and Mr. Macon, were annexed to the committee on the amendments of the Constitution, in pursuance of the motion of Mr. Dickerson.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Dec. 15.—Mr. Rankin, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported "a bill to authorize the State of Indiana to open a canal through the public lands, to connect the navigation of the rivers Wabash and the Miami of Lake Erie;" which was read twice and committed.

On motion of Mr. Mercer, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of associating with the Military Academy at West Point, a school of instruction for the Midshipmen of the Navy of the United States.

Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House, a list of the Post Offices designated Distributing Offices, in the several States and Territories; also, the duties required to be performed by deputy Postmasters at such offices, with the regulations adopted for securing a direct conveyance for the letters, &c. destined for offices on intermediate post-roads.

Dec. 17.—The following resolution, offered yesterday by Mr. Allen, of Mass. was taken up and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of miles of Post Roads existing by law in each State or Territory for each of the three years next preceding the 1st day of April last; the number of miles of said road when the mail was actually carried in each of those years, together with the yearly compensation of Postmasters, and the incidental expenses thereon; also, a statement of the amount of postage which accrued in each State and Territory, in each of these years; the yearly receipts therefrom; the yearly balances for and against them, respectively; and the balances of postage which accrued in each of said years, now due, and in arrears.

Dec. 18.—A message from the Senate communicated that they had passed the bill for the relief of Daniel D. Tompkins, without amendment.

### THE GREEKS.

On motion of Mr. Williams of N. C. it was

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House any information he may have received, and which he may not deem it improper to communicate, relating to the present condition or future prospects of the Greeks.

Mr. Rankin this day presented a petition from the inhabitants of Penguin, on the Red River, a settlement of the Hudson Bay Company, inclosed in a letter from Major Long to the



**Resolved**, That a full and free discussion of the merits of the several candidates for the Presidency, is essential to a judicious and enlightened choice; and that the excitement produced by it, is highly conducive to the health and vigor of the body politic.

**Resolved**, That it would be especially dangerous and improper for the members of the House of Representatives previously to pledge themselves to support one of the candidates for the President, between whom the constitution provides that they shall in the last resort decide.

**Resolved**, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress would misrepresent the principles and feelings of their constituents, if they should not oppose a caucus nomination, and that they are requested to use their best endeavors to prevent such a proceeding.

**Resolved**, That his excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

**Ratting**.—We are told that Domitian used to amuse himself with killing fleas with a bodkin, and one of the Bourbon family passed his idle hours in shooting passengers in the street from the top of his palace. Very innocent pastime truly, and royal sport compared to a disgusting species of amusement, which is daily gaining ground in the sporting circles of England. We observe it stated in a Liverpool paper, that a young gentleman, named Wedgbury, under twelve years of age, son to the notorious dog fancier, "Old Sam Wedgbury," has undertaken to kill 50 rats with his teeth in eight minutes, and his papa and friends are ready to back this child of promise against any 24 lb. dog in the kingdom—an interesting, refined, and rational exhibition.

*National Journal.*

We are assured, (says the Democratic Press,) by a most respectable friend, recently arrived from Columbia, that he has seen in the Republic, on the coast, several lovely women and children, of the best families, whose arms have been chopped off, their noses slit, and their ears cut off, by order of those monsters in human shape, *Morillo and Morales*.

**CHARLESTON, DEC. 22.—Cottons.** The recent sales of Uplands have been at a decline of about half a cent in the pound, on the prices of the preceding week.

**MARRIED.**

On the 23d December last, by the Rev. Jacob Miller, of Davidson county, Mr. John Rothruck, of Stokes county, to Miss Mary Miller, daughter of the said Rev. J. Miller, of Davidson county.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**DIED,**

On the 28th December last, Elizabeth Rothruck, widow of Valentine Rothruck, of Stokes county, aged 66 years.

**OBITUARY.**

[We have heretofore noticed the decease of Mrs. Fulton, who died in this town on the 9th ult.; but we cannot deny ourselves the satisfaction of adding the following just tribute to her memory, communicated by a friend, before he had seen our publication.]

"The sudden and lamented death of this amiable woman, in the meridian of a useful life, surrounded by a numerous family of young children, and endeared to all who knew her, by the suavity of her manners, and her domestic virtues, adds another to the many affecting dispensations of Providence which, in such quick succession, and such variety of character and circumstances, have passed before our eyes. The last two years, without any appearance of disease, dangerous or epidemic, has furnished many affecting and impressive evidences, that "in the midst of life, we are in death." In the number of deaths, sudden and unexpected, of strangers and citizens, by sickness and casualties, the season has been unparalleled; and in language solemn and pathetic, it says to survivors, "Beast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

**Crockery.**

**Bridgewood & Reeve,**

**L**AKE of the city of New-York, are now opening and receiving, by late importations from the most improved manufactoryes in Europe, an entire and very extensive stock of

**China, Glass & Earthen-ware**, which they offer by the original invoice, or re-packed, at as low prices as can be purchased at Charleston, or any other city in the United States—country merchants and dealers in the article are respectfully invited to call and inspect for themselves, at their ware-house and rooms, No. 281 King Street, opposite the Merchant's Hotel, Charleston, S. C.

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**FLOUR.**

**F**OR SALE, twenty-five barrels of FLOUR. Inquire of the Printer.

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**Doct. J. F. Martin,**

**H**AVING located himself at Mocksville, offers his services, in the several branches of his profession, to the citizens of the village and its vicinity. His shop is opposite Mr. A. R. Jones' store.

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## POSTSCRIPT.

The General Assembly adjourned on the 1st instant, (New-Year's day.) Many of the Members have passed through town, on their way home; one of them has politely given us a list of captions of the laws passed at this session of the Legislature. By omitting some advertisements, and all of the news by Saturday's mail, we are enabled to give, in this week's paper, the captions of such of the public and private acts, and resolutions, as are of interest to our readers. 37 public, and 100 private acts, and 10 regulations, have been passed.

**PUBLIC ACTS.**

An act for the relief of female debtors. [No female debtors, whatever, to be imprisoned.]

Authorising the payment of money to Clerks of Courts of Record in certain cases. [Provides that defendants may pay money to the Clerks, although no execution may have been issued.]

For the relief of such persons as became purchasers of the Cherokee lands sold under the authority of this state.—[A stay of proceedings given to those who purchased in 1820 and 1821, until the 1st of October, 1824. The Treasurer authorised to receive from purchasers one eighth part of their instalments, and to postpone the remaining parts of such instalments for 12 months.]

Extending the time for registration of grants, mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale, and deeds of gift.

Repealing the 44th section of the act of 1741, concerning servants and slaves.

To regulate the practice in the several Courts of Equity in this State. [Making it the duty of the Courts of Equity to direct the trial of such issues as may appear necessary, according to the rules in Chancery.]

To repeal in part, the 4th section of the act of 1806, entitled an act to revise the militia laws of this state relative to the artillery companies of light infantry, grenadiers and riflemen. [Reduces the fines incurred by artillerists to the same grade with those of grenadiers and riflemen.]

To secure the rights of landlords against tenants holding over, after the expiration of their terms. [Where a landlord gives his tenant legal notice of the expiration of his term, the tenant is prevented from pleading to his suit of ejectment.]

To regulate the practice in the several Courts of Equity in this state.

To amend the act of 1819, entitled an act relative to the apprehension of runaway slaves. [Allowing the person apprehending a runaway in the county where the owner resides, a reward of three dollars.]

Concerning the public lands in Haywood county. [This act makes it an indictable offence to cut or remove timber from, or cultivate said land.]

Amending the act of 1808, to provide for children born after the making of their parents' will. [Where no petition has been preferred by the child, within two years after the probate of a will, the executor, executrix or administrator before the legacy is paid, is to call upon the legatees, devisees, &c. to litigate their respective claims. In case the child shall have no guardian, the Court is to appoint a special guardian.]

Directing in what manner the laws of our sister states shall be received in evidence in this state. [This act makes it lawful for either party to produce a law of another state in evidence, which shall be drawn off by the Secretary of our State, certified by his hand and seal, with the seal of North-Carolina attached.]

To amend the act of 1777, for appointing sheriffs, and directing their duty in office, and for obliging the late sheriffs and collectors in arrears to account for and pay the same. [The several county courts to require bond, with two or more securities, in the penal sum of 10,000 dollars, from the Sheriffs who shall hereafter be appointed.]

Respecting the reservations of certain Indians in the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee nation. [The Governor to appoint two commissioners, who are to inquire into the titles of lands claimed by the Indians; to contract for the purchase of the same; and to report to the next General Assembly.]

Concerning the University of N. Carolina. [Prohibiting horse-racing, cock-fighting, and elections for members of Congress and Assembly in the vicinity of the University.]

Amending the act of 1808, regulating descent. [This act provides that no inheritance shall descend to any person as heir of the person last seized, unless such person be in life at the death of the person last seized, or shall be born within 10 months after such death.]

Concerning the Cape Fear Navigation Company. [Authorizes the Board of Internal Improvement to subscribe 25,000 dollars on behalf of the State.]

Securing to the widows of intestates the surplus of the personal estate of their deceased husbands, where no kindred claim the same.

Amending the act of last session, to provide a revenue for the payment of the Civil List and contingent charges of government.

Explaining the second section of the

act of 1806, to revise the militia laws of this State, relative to infantry.

Declaring the punishment of persons of color in certain cases. [Peons of color, making an assault, with intent to commit a rape, shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.]

Authorizing the issuing of Treasury Notes. [To the amount of 10,000 dollars.]

Amending and explaining the 6th section of the act of 1814, for the more perfect organization of the militia of this State. [Provides that no free person of color shall be enrolled, except as musicians.]

Amending the militia laws of this state relative to cavalry. [No cavalry officer to be commissioned unless certified to the Adjutant General by the Brigadier General in whose brigade they reside, that there are four companies of troops.]

To repair and improve the road leading from Huntsville, in Surry, to the Virginia line, by the way of Gap Civil.

To amend and extend the provisions of the act of last session, to promote Agriculture and family domestic manufactures within this State.

Amending the laws making provisions for widows. [The widow of any person dying intestate, to retain for her support, in addition to the articles already allowed her by law, one bed and bed furniture, and clothing of family domestic manufacture, all kitchen furniture, loom, breaux, wheel and cards.]

Appointing commissioners to lay off the state road from John Lyle's to Abalom Bowers' old place, and for other purposes.

Directing a geological and mineralogical survey to be made of the State.

Authorising certain limitations of slaves by deed of writing. [Provides that every deed or writing for a slave, which, if contained in a last will or testament, would be effectual, shall be a good limitation in the remainder of such slave.]

Amending the several acts of Assembly respecting weights and measures. [Only traders and dealers by profession to have their weights and measures restamped.]

Authorising the distribution of the militia laws of this State. [Adjutant General to have the militia laws compiled, printed, and distributed among the officers of the several regiments.]

**PRIVATE ACTS.**

Acts restoring Michael Rymer, of Rowan, to credit; to repeal the act of 1821, entitled an act to alter the time of holding two of the county courts of Burke; to amend the act of 1822, entitled an act supplemental to an act passed in 1784, entitled an act to appoint commissioners and to establish the town of Morganton; for the better regulation of the town of Statesville; to incorporate the Sandy Creek Library Society; to repeal the act of 1822, entitled an act supplemental to an act passed at the last session, entitled an act to allow commissions to custodians in the counties of Warren, Northampton and Brunswick, so far as relates to Ashe county, to incorporate Morganton Academy; to amend the act to extend and improve the two roads from Wilkesborough to the Tennessee line, so far as respects the appointment of commissioners; to authorize Thomas Love, of Haywood county, to remove off a certain building erected on the 400 acres of public land in the Cherokee purchase; and amending the act of last session, entitled an act supplemental to an act passed at the present General Assembly, entitled an act for the division of Rowan county; to legitimate and alter the name of Sally Smith, of Stokes county; authorising a turnpike road to be made from Asheville, by the Warm Springs, to the Tennessee line, and incorporating a company for that purpose; amending the 4th section of the act of last session, entitled an act supplemental to an act passed at the present General Assembly, entitled an act for the division of Rowan county; supplemental to the act of this session, incorporating Morganton Academy; directing the way in which constables shall hereafter be appointed in Mecklenburg county; to prevent persons from falling timber into the Tennessee river, or Sugar-Town Fork thereto, in Haywood county; securing to Sally Hampton, of Stokes county, such property as she may hereafter acquire; to divorce Elizabeth Wilkins, of Burke county, from her husband, Wm. Wilkins; compelling the clerks of the Superior and County Courts of the county of Surry to keep both their offices at the Court-House in Rockford; amending the first section of the act of 1818, directing a road to be laid out and opened from Leakeville, by way of Rockford, to Wilkesborough.

Acts authorizing Alex. Long to erect and keep up a gate across a road in Rowan county; altering the time of holding the County Courts of Buncombe; divorcing Daniel Noomcase from his wife Catharine; securing to Jane Weborn, of Randolph county, and Sarah Penix, of Surry county, the property they may hereafter acquire; amending the act of 1795, appointing commissioners to fix on a proper place in Wilkes county, and to erect thereon a Court-house, prison and stocks; incorporating the Lincoln Agricultural Society; for the regulation of the County Courts of Buncombe; amending the act of 1817, directing a road to be laid out and opened from Fayetteville to Morganton; authorizing Wm. Neal and Isaac Ward, of Rowan county, to erect gates on the road leading through their plantations; repealing the act of 1822, directing the manner of appointing patrollers in the county of Davidson; authorizing and directing the Sheriff of Davidson to pay over the taxes, collected for the public buildings, to the commissioners of public buildings for said county; establishing a Poor-house in Rutherford county; prescribing the manner in which the Sheriff of Buncombe shall pay over the tax laid for building a Court-house in said county.

An act amending the act, directing the time and place of sales of land and slaves under execution, so far as respects Rowan county; dividing the militia of Iredell county into two regiments; authorizing the County Court of Rowan county to lay a tax, and appoint commissioners to build a bridge across the South Yadkin river; authorizing certain persons to raise, by lottery, \$50 dollars for building a bridge across the South Yadkin; incorporating New Providence

Library Company; amending the act of last session, for the better regulation of the County Courts of Cabarrus, Moore and Montgomery, so far as relates to Cabarrus.

An act to establish a Superior Court of Law and Equity in Davidson county, and to alter the time of holding the Superior and County Courts of Guilford, Rockingham, and Caswell, and the Superior Court of Stokes; amending the act of 1818, to appoint commissioners to extend the Fayetteville road from Morganton to the Tennessee line; regulating the time of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in the 5th Judicial Circuit; appointing commissioners to view and lay out a road from Salisbury to Beaufort's Ford; amending an act to appoint commissioners to view and lay off the road leading across the mountain from Wilkesborough to Mrs. Boggs', in Iredell county; authorizing the making and improving a road from Asheville to Rutherford.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

A resolution requiring the Public Printer to attach to the laws of 1823, returns of the sheriffs and clerks in this state; in favor of the trustees of the University; in favor of Judge Norwood; in favor of William Drew, the attorney-general; in favor of Thomas Elliot, of Mecklenburg county; to burn Treasury Notes; in favor of William Siler; in favor of Joseph Medley, sheriff of the county of Anson; concerning the militia of this state; and appropriating money for the completion of the State-House. (\$5,000.)

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*Governor HOLMES against CAUCUSING.*

We were informed by the members of the General Assembly, on their return homeward through this town, that on Saturday, the 28th inst., there was exhibited a tolerable specimen of radical temper and principle, in the house of common. It will be recollect that the Legislature of Tennessee, at its last session, adopted a preamble and resolutions, disapproving of Congressional caucuses for nominating Presidents of the United States; a copy of these resolutions and preamble was sent to the Executive of North-Carolina, with a request they should be laid before the Legislature. Gov. Holmes, in his message communicating them, took occasion to express, in a manly and candid manner, his sentiments against the odious practice of caucusing.

In doing this, the Governor only performed his duty; but his message threw the partisans of Mr. Crawford into the greatest rage; they censured the Gov. in the most unqualified terms, and made a desperate effort to rally their party against printing the message; they rallied the whole strength of the party, to vote down the motion, but they were too weak; every friend of Crawford voted against printing, yet they failed by a considerable majority.

The struggle, however, did not end here: the message was sent to the Senate, and a desperate push was made at it there: on the proposition to print it, the Senators were equally divided, and the Speaker (Yancey) gave the casting vote against it. Thus ended the affair at Raleigh; but we hope the people will set a mark upon this affair.

*Gabriel Holmes* is the Governor of the free people of North-Carolina; and it is not barely his right, but it is his duty, to warn them of every attempt to deprive them of their privileges: he looks upon the practice of caucusing as such an attempt; and because he has, in conformity with his duty, said so, the partisans of Wm. H. Crawford exclaim against him in the bitterest invective.

**ANDREWS and JONES'**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**FEMALE ACADEMY.**

**T**HIS Institution, which during the present year has been located in Williamsburgh, will open in OXFORD, on the first Monday in February next. The principals have been induced to change a residence, with a view to a permanent establishment where the premises will comfortably accommodate their pupils; and they have altered the time of commencing the scholastic year, for the convenience, and at the general request, of their patrons.

The pupils are instructed in *Needle-work, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar and Parsing, Geography, Mythology, History, Belles-lettres, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, and Drawing and Painting*. Twenty Dollars per session.

The terms of board, washing and tuition, in all the above branches, are Sixty Dollars per session, payable in advance. Music, vocal and instrumental, Thirty Dollars per session. Drawing and Painting, Twenty Dollars per session.

The first session will end early in July, the second in December, when the only vacation in the year takes place. New scholars pay from the time of their arrival only.

The system of education is in all the departments *radical*: by the aid of an excellent apparatus, the truths of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Astronomy, are experimentally illustrated, and thus rendered objects of sense. There are six teachers constantly engaged; three excellent Piano Fortes, are employed in the musical department, and the models of Drawing and Painting, are numerous and good.

No expenditures are allowed, but such as are authorized by parents and guardians; and the principals are determined strictly to enforce the rule prohibiting finery in dress; in summer, colored cotton dresses, and in winter, worsted stumps, will be worn by all the young ladies.

All the pupils will board with the principals, who pay strict attention to their health, their manners and their morals. The public and private offices of devotion are regularly observed, whilst every thing sectarian is carefully avoided.

Each pupil is expected to bring a coverlid, a pair of sheets, blankets and towels, for her own use, otherwise an extra charge of \$2.50 per session will be made.

When payment in advance cannot be made, approved bonds will in all instances be exacted.

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## THE MUSE.

FROM THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL.

### JONATHAN'S VISIT TO THE STEAM BOAT.

Did you ever go down to the steam boat?  
By jings! I'll knock under to that!  
I can't hardly tell what to make on't,  
It does beat creation all flat!

Why, that great copper kettle: my patience!  
I'd tell what it holds if I could,  
An' it beats all our Nancy's relations,  
To see how they heave in the wood!

Then them wheels all a going and a jangling,  
'Tis strange how they ever can sleep—  
An' long iron rods, all a spranging,  
Lord sakes; what a thrashing they keep.

The great wheels too, that paw up the water,  
An' send up a hoghead, a stroke!  
Then that big iron *climby's* snorter!  
But cat owl! how it sends out the smoke!

I swagger! 'twould puzzel a fellow

To find out the head or the stern?

Why, one o' the rooms in the cellar

Is as long as the side of our Barn!

### EPIGRAPH ON A NOTED DRUNKARD.

Here's a *Martyr to Rum*,  
To his last home has come;  
And when he to his narrow house went,  
Each distiller look'd dull,  
For their *botts* were all full,  
And their liquors fell *Fifty per cent.*

## VARIETY.

### SYNOD OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

The following extracts from the minutes of this Ecclesiastical Assembly, during their late session in Fayetteville, are taken from a communication in the Carolina Observer:

The committee appointed to prepare a connected statement of the information received during the free conversation which was held on yesterday, on the subject of useful, benevolent, and pious institutions, and on the state of religion generally, within the bounds of this Synod, exhibited their draft of said statement; which, being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

In reviewing the events of the past year, the Synod having cause, alike for gratitude and mourning; and abundant exhortations to unrewarded and increasing exertion in the cause of Christ. There have been no special revivals within our bounds, during the past year; yet, there have not been wanting evidences, that the Spirit still continues his influence, in many of our congregations.

In the congregation of Eno and Little-River, the Lord of the Harvest has thrust in his sickle, and gathered souls into the church; and forty have been added to the communion of the faithful.

In the congregation of Back-Creek, Third-Creek, and Unity, twenty, the gleanings of a former harvest, have been added to the church of Christ; and, of one hundred, who, in these congregations, have become members of the church during the two last years, there is not one back-slid.

In the congregation of Bethany and Concord, between twenty and thirty, and in the congregations of Lumberbridge, St. Paul's, Bethel, and Philadelphus, forty have been added to the church.

The University of this state, while it is flourishing beyond former example, can number more pious students than at any former period; and it is believed, that religious influence is considerably increasing, in that important institution.

In several congregations from which reports have been received, there have been highly respectable additions made, during the past year; and a growing interest in religion, seems to be manifested.

Benevolent societies have received an increased attention from our churches, during the past year; and many of our congregations are in a flourishing condition. Several new Bible Societies, and several societies for ameliorating the condition of the Jews, have been formed; and it is hoped, not only that the bible cause will continue to flourish within our bounds, but also, that our churches will earnestly pray for the children of Abraham, and contribute liberally of their substance, towards the furtherance of any plan for their conversion, which may present a reasonable prospect of success. This Synod are pleased to hear of the formation of societies for the relief of the poor, by furnishing them with the means of obtaining subsistence, by their own industry. The popular, and, in some instances, we fear, just objection to benevolence to the poor,—that it encourages idleness and extravagance, is thus completely silenced.

The efficiency of Sabbath Schools, in training up children in the knowledge of the doctrines of christianity, and in early impressing their minds with its importance and reality, has been extensively felt; and such schools are established in most of our churches.

Bible-Classes have been attended with good effects in the few congregations in which they have been established; and the Synod have only to lament, that they are not universally established, and zealously promoted by all our members.

It is with unmixed pleasure that we have heard, from almost every part of our state, that the spiritual interests of our black population have, during the past year received an increased attention. The plan now in operation, for transporting the free part of that population to Africa, the land of their fore-fathers, has our most cordial approbation, and our earnest prayers for its success; and it is confidently hoped, that the prosecution of this plan will carry civilization and Christianity into Africa.

All that benevolence, which has for its object the evangelizing of the Indians of the South and West, we think well bestowed; we are happy to hear, that some of the churches in the western part of our state have contributed liberally to this object.

But notwithstanding all this interesting intelligence, we have also our causes of mourning and sorrow.—There are, we regret to learn, some of our churches, in which benevolent institutions have received but little attention; and also some, wherein, for other causes, the way of Zion mourns. This, however, ought not to dishearten, or discourage, but rather to stimulate us to more active exertion, and to more importunate prayer. In all the churches from which cheering accounts of revivals have been formerly received, the influences of the Spirit seem now to be less powerful; and in none of our churches have we heard of great gatherings. Perhaps this is the commencing slumber, which is to be followed by a long sleep, or a Sardian death. May we fear the death-like coldness which may come upon us, and pray, with unceasing importunity, "Thy kingdom come;" and may the favorable appearances which present themselves in some of our churches, eventuate in a copious shower of Divine Grace.

True extracts from the Minutes of Synod.

COLIN M'IVER, Stated Clerk.

### THE BACHELOR'S REGISTER.

At 16 years incipient palpitations are manifested towards the young ladies. 17—Much blushing and confusion occurs when addressed by a handsome woman. 18—Confidence in conversation with the ladies is much increased. 19—Becomes angry if treated by them as a boy. 20—Betrayed great consciousness of his own charms and manliness. 21—A looking glass becomes an indispensable piece of furniture in his dressing room, and in some instances finds its way into the pocket. 22—Insufferable puppyism now exhibited. 23—Thinks no woman good enough to enter marriage state with him. 24—Is caught unawares by the snares of Cupid. 25—The connection broken off from self-conceit on his part. 26—Conducts himself with airs of much superiority towards her. 27—Pays his addresses to another lady, not without hopes of mortifying the first. 28—Is mortified and frantic on being refused. 29—Rails against the fair sex in general, as heartless beings. 30—Seems morose and out of humour in all conversations on matrimony. 31—Contemplates matrimony more under the influence of interest than previously. 32—Begins to consider personal beauty in a wife not so indispensable as formerly. 33—Still retains a high opinion of his attractions as a husband. 34—Consequently has the hope that he may still marry a chicken. 35—Falls deeply and violently in love with one of 17. 36—*au dernier desespere!* another refusal. 37—Indulges now in every kind of dissipation. 38—Shuns the best part of the female sex, and finds some consolation for his spleen in the society of ladies of easy disposition. 39—Suffers much remorse and mortification in so doing. 40—Begins to think he is growing old, yet still feels a fresh budding of matrimonial ideas, but no spring shoots. 41—A nice, buxom young widow begins to perplex him. 42—He now addresses her with mixed sensations of love

and interest. 43—Interest prevails, which causes much cautious reflection.

44—The widow jilts him, being full as caubus as himself. 45—Becomes every day more gloomy and averse to the fair sex. 46—Gouty and nervous symptoms now begin to assail him. 47—Fears what may become of him when he becomes old and infirm, but all persuades himself he is a young man. 48—Thinks living alone irksome. 49—Resolves to have a prudent young woman as housekeeper and companion. 50—A nervous affection about him, and frequent attacks of the gout. 51—Much pleased with his new housekeeper as a nurse. 52—Begins to feel some attached to her. 53—His pride revolts at the idea of marrying her. 54—Is in great distress how to act. 55—Completely unde her influence, and very miserable 56—Many painful thoughts about parting with her, and attempts to gain her on his own terms. 57—She refuses to live any longer with him solo. 58—Gouty, nervous, and bilious to excess. 59—Feels very ill, sends for her to his bedside, and promises to espouse her. 60—Grows rapidly worse, has his will made in her favour, and makes his exit in her arms.

### LIZZIE AND ICE, IN THE EAST-INDIES.

Hayne informs us of the singular fact, that in the district of the Mysore, hail falls only in the hottest seasons, and then in places of the weight of half an ounce. Masses of immense size are said to have fallen from the clouds at different periods; but there is one instance upon record and it is besides confirmed by the testimony of a gentleman of the greatest respectability and high in the service of the Hon. East India Company, of a piece, that in the latter part of Tippoo Sultan's reign fell near Seringapatam, of the size of an elephant. The report given of it by Tipoo's officers was, that it had the effect of fire on the skin of those who touched it; a comparison naturally made by persons ignorant of the sensation of extreme cold—and that two days elapsed before it was entirely dissolved, during which time it exhaled such a stench, as to prevent persons approaching it.

"Music hath charms," &c.

The effect of music on the senses was oddly and wonderfully verified, during a late Court-mourning. A tailor had a great number of black suits, which were to be finished in a short space of time. Among his workmen there was a fellow who was always singing *Rule Britannia*, and the rest of the journeymen joined in the chorus. The master made his observations, and found that the slow times of the tune retarded the work; in consequence, he engaged a blind fiddler, and placing him near the workshop, made him play the lively tune of *Nancy Dawson*. This had the proper effect—the tailor's elbows moved obedient to the melody, and the clothes were sent home within the prescribed period.

### CORK TREE.

It is generally believed that cork is the bark of the cork tree; on the contrary, it is an excrescence formed by exudation on the cuticle, of outer bark of the tree. The trees are stripped the first time before they are twenty years old, and generally once in 8 or 10 years after. It would appear that this contributes to their health and vigor, for if left unstripped they begin to decay in a few years; and in 50 or 60 years, a whole plantation, that is neglected, is destroyed; but those repeatedly peeled live and thrive more than 200 years. When the cork is removed an exudation takes place, which acquires consistency by the action of the air, and thus the succeeding layer of cork is formed. The oldest cork trees afford the best cork, which after every successive peeling improves in quality.

*English paper.*

When queen Elizabeth observed to sir Nicholas Bacon, her high chancellor, that his house was too little for him, he replied, "no madam, but your majesty has made me too big for my house."

Republics are not ungrateful—they give to every citizen liberty and protection—they do not oppress ninety-nine to enrich the hundredth.

One month in the school of affliction will teach us more wisdom than the grave precepts of Aristotle in seven years.

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10	do 7, 8, 9, 9½, 10, 11 and 12 Rose do
6	do black and colored Bombazets
5	do do figured do
3	do do printed do
2	do scarlet and orange printed Rattinets
3	cases Caroline Plaids
1	do worsted Bengal Stripes
2	do black Bombazets
4	do super Tartan Plaid Cloaks
2	do Men's assorted Lamb's Wool Hose
4	do do do do half do
2	do do do Worsted do
3	do Women's black do do
1	do white do do
1	do Merino Mantles and Shawls
1	do 4-4 and 6-4 Cassimere do
1	do 7-4 and 8-4 plain figured Cassimere do
2	do Worsted Braces
1	do Cassimere Points.

#### COTTON GOODS.

10	cases 9-8 and 6-4 Canibries
2	do 9-8 and 6-4 Jaconets
4	do 8-8 and 6-4 loom sewed Muslins
6	do 9-8 and 6-4 Book
3	do 4-4 rich tamboured do
3	do 4-4 Japaned do
3	do 9-8 and 6-4 plain and figured Mull do
2	do 9-8 plain and taffoured Swiss do
5	do common, tammoured and sewed Robes
2	do assorted Lenoes
55	do 3-4 and 4-4 ass'd Calicoes and Chintzes, some fashionable and splendid patterns
8	do super and common furniture do
3	do Garment and Cambrie Dimity
2	do super Furniture do
2	do 11-4 and 12-4 Marseilles Quilts
2	do 4-4 Union Stripes
2	do drab Constitution and Bangup Cords
3	do super and common Bedticks
2	bales Dorchester do
6	cases Britannia and Bandanna Hdks.
5	do Madras do
4	do Publicas and Musulipatam do
4	do common and super blue Ronal do
3	do 4-4, 6-4 and 7-4 Chintz Shawls
2	do 7-4 and 8-4 Imitation do
1	do white, spotted and checked Cravats
1	do Women's white Cotton Hose
1	do do super black do do ingrained
1	do Gilt's white do do
2	do Cotton Braces, assorted
30	bales brown and bleached Waltham Cottons
6	do common Shirtings and Sheetings
6	cases American Plaids and Stripes
1	do do Checks
2	do 4-4 do Imitation Caroline Plaids
4	do 3-4 and 4-4 steam loom Shirtings
3	do 4-4 Long Cloths [patterns]
1	do 4-4 super plaid Ginghams, handsome
1	do Turkey Yarn
5	do three cord Cotton Balls
2	do Spool Cotton

#### LINEN GOODS.

10	cases 7-8 and 4-4 Irish Linens, whole and
2	do Long Lawns [demi pieces]
2	do Linen Canibries
1	do do Handkerchiefs
2	do assorted Table Diapers
1	do 3-4 bird eye do
1	bale Russia do
5	cases brown and black Linens
1	bale Imitation Sheetings
4	do Osnaburgs
1	do super Linen Tick
1	case white Platillas
3	do assorted Patent Thread.

#### SILK GOODS.

1	case green, pink and blue Florence

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